

Howard County Emergency Operations Plan



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What is an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)?

- Assigns responsibility to organizations and individuals for carrying out specific actions at projected times and places in an emergency that exceeds the capability or routine responsibility of any one agency.
- Sets forth lines of authority and organizational relationships, and shows how all actions will be coordinated.
- Describes how people and property will be protected in emergencies and disasters.
- Identifies steps to address mitigation concerns during response and recovery activities.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Act

- Annotated Code of Maryland, Public Safety Article, § 14-101, *et. seq.*
- Authorizes establishment of local organizations for emergency management in all political subdivisions in Maryland. [§ 14-109(a)]
- Authorizes the Governor's appointment of a Director of Emergency Management for each local organization for emergency management.[§ 14-109(b)]

Howard County Code, §17.109

- Requires Office of Emergency Management to prepare an emergency operations plan (EOP) under the direction of the Director of Emergency Management.
- Authorizes EOP Basic Plan adoption by the County Executive by executive order.

HOWARD COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (EOP) SUMMARY

An All-Hazards Plan

● Natural Hazards



● Manmade Hazards



Basic Plan

- Cornerstone of Emergency Management Program.
- Outlines County's overall emergency management structure and policies.
- Describes expected natural and manmade hazards.
- Describes plan implementation and maintenance process.

Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)

- Mechanism used at the operational level to organize emergency functions within the County and with external cooperating partners.



ESF #	Emergency Support Function	Primary Agency
1	Transportation	Office of Transportation
2	Technology and Communications	Dept. of Technology & Communications
3	Public Works and Engineering	Dept. of Public Works
4	Fire and Rescue Services	Dept. of Fire & Rescue Services
5	Information and Planning	Office of Emergency Management
6	Mass Care and Sheltering	Dept. of Citizen Services
7	Resource Support and Logistics	Dept. of County Administration
8	Public Health and Medical Services	Health Dept.
9	Search and Rescue	Dept. of Fire & Rescue Services
10	Oil and Hazardous Materials Response	Dept. of Fire & Rescue Services
11	Agricultural, Historical, and Natural Resources	Office of Emergency Management, Dept. of Planning and Zoning Howard County Economic Development Authority
12	Energy and Utilities	Dept. of Public Works
13	Law Enforcement and Security	Dept. of Police
14	Volunteers and Donations Management	Dept. of Recreation and Parks, Dept. of Citizen Services
15	Damage Assessment	Dept. of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits

Support Annexes

- ◉ Financial Management Annex
- ◉ Damage Assessment Reporting Annex
- ◉ Planning for People with Access and Functional Needs Annex
- ◉ Planned Events Annex

When does the EOP apply?

- ◉ Multi-agency coordination
- ◉ Inter-jurisdictional coordination
- ◉ External resources requested
- ◉ State or federal support requested
- ◉ Multiple work periods
- ◉ Novel incident type
- ◉ Escalating or expanding incident

Timeline

- 2009: Original EOP adopted.
- Mid 2013: Revision of EOP commenced.
- Early 2015: Projected promulgation of revised EOP.